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TAGS: ETRD, GATT

SUBJECT: TEXTILES: NORDIC DEVELOPMENTS

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1. RE QUESTION RAISED PARA 3 REFTTEL, U.S. TSB REP
REGARDS IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT EXPORTING MFA PARTICI-
PANTS WOULD SEEK TC MEETING TO CONSIDER NORWAY
ARTICLE XIX ACTION.

2. NORWAY'S ACTION, HOWEVER, WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE
CHALLENGED BY SOME EXPORTERS (THOSE HAVING SIGNIFICANT
TRADE INTEREST) THROUGH NORMAL GATT PROCEDURES.

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3. CONSENSUS HERE IS THAT PROXIMATE CAUSE NORWEGIAN
ACTION WAS FAILURE REACH BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH HONG
KONG. NORWAY, IN RESPONSE TO GATT COUNCIL RECOMMENDA-
TIONS OF JUNE 6, 1978, NOTIFIED GATT OF FAILURE REACH
AGREEMENT WITH HONG KONG IN LAST ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS
CONCLUDED JUNE 30, 1978. (GATT DOCUMENT L/4690 OF
JULY 24, 1978.) NOTIFICATION, WHICH BORE SAME DATE AND

IMMEDIATELY PRECEDED NOTIFICATION OF GLOBAL ARTICLE XIX ACTION, INDICATED THAT BOTH DELEGATIONS HAD EXPRESSED VIEW THAT PROGRESS IN CONSULTATIONS HAD BEEN MADE BUT THAT CERTAIN DIFFERENCES OF OPINION AND APPROACH HAD NOT BEEN RESOLVED; THAT BOTH PARTIES RECOGNIZED THAT "OTHER SOLUTIONS UNDER TERMS OF GATT MAY BE NECESSARY"; AND, FINALLY, THAT POSSIBILITY THAT FURTHER CONSULTATIONS BE HELD LATER IN YEAR WAS NOT EXCLUDED.

4. FACT THAT NORWAY AND HONG KONG HAVE LEFT DOOR OPEN FOR FURTHER BILATERAL EFFORT UNDER MFA WOULD ARGUE THAT NORWAY HAS NOT DEFINITELY WRITTEN OFF MFA PARTICIPATION. IT POSSIBLE NORWAY IS FOLLOWING CANADA EXAMPLE USING ARTICLE XIX TO CREATE LEVERAGE FOR CONCLUSION BILATERAL AGREEMENTS SATISFACTORY TO NORWAY. VANDEN HEUVEL

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